

Amendments to the Claims:

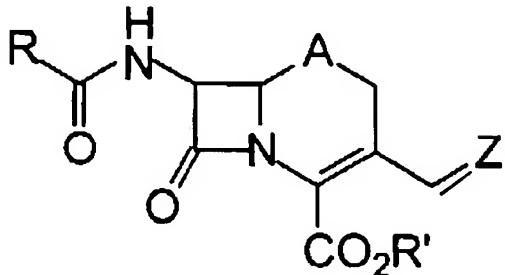
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

These amendments introduce no new matter and support for the amendment is replete throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. These amendments are made without prejudice and are not to be construed as abandonment of the previously claimed subject matter, or agreement with any objection or rejection of record.

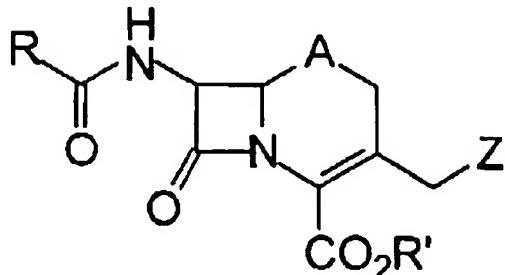
Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 16. (Canceled)

Claim 17. (Currently amended) A compound having the formula:



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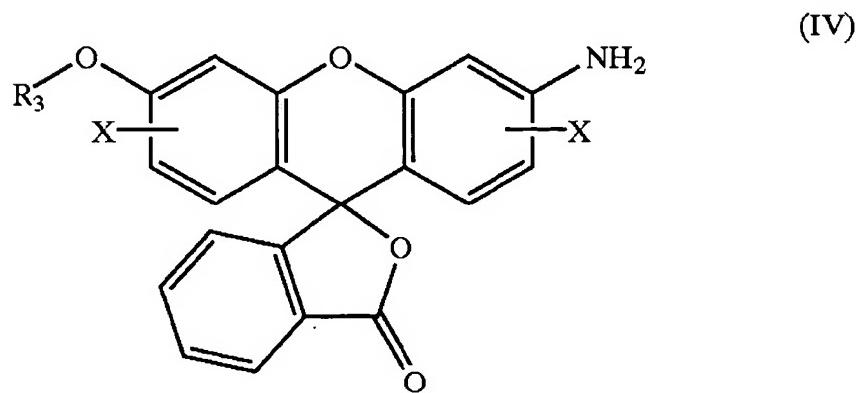
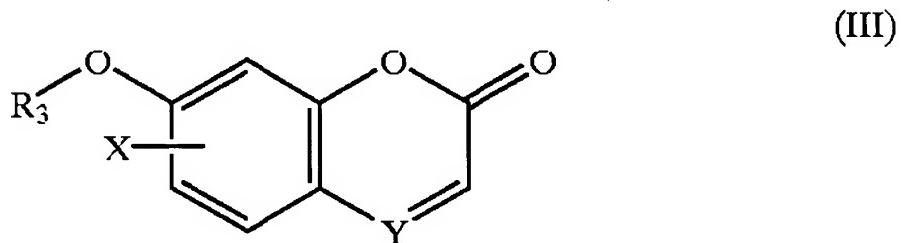
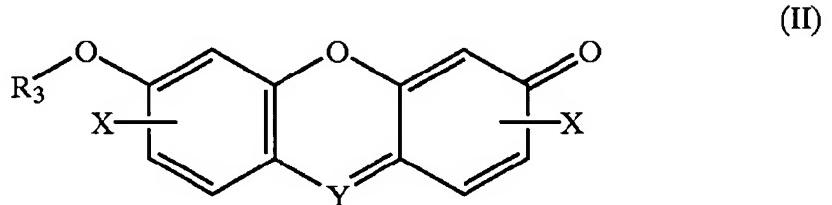


in which R is a benzyl, 2-thienylmethyl, or cyanomethyl group;

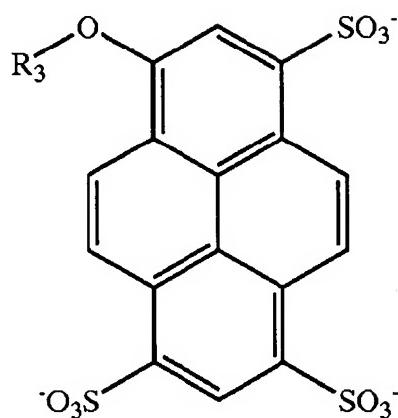
R' is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, physiologically acceptable salt or metal, the ammonium cation, and --CHR₂OCOC(CH₃)₃, in which

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl; deltabutyrolactonyl, methoxycarbonyloxymethyl, phenyl, methylsulphinylmethyl, β -morpholinoethyl, dialkylaminoethyl, and dialkylaminocarbonyloxymethyl;

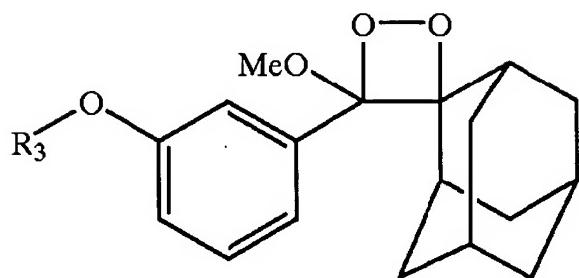
A is selected from the group consisting of O, SO, and SO₂ and CH₂; and Z is selected from:



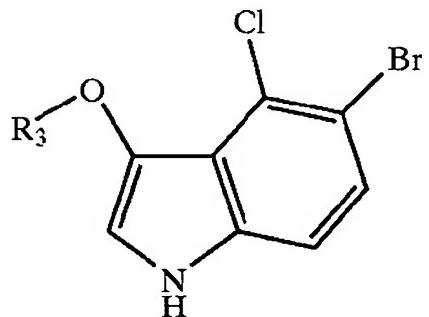
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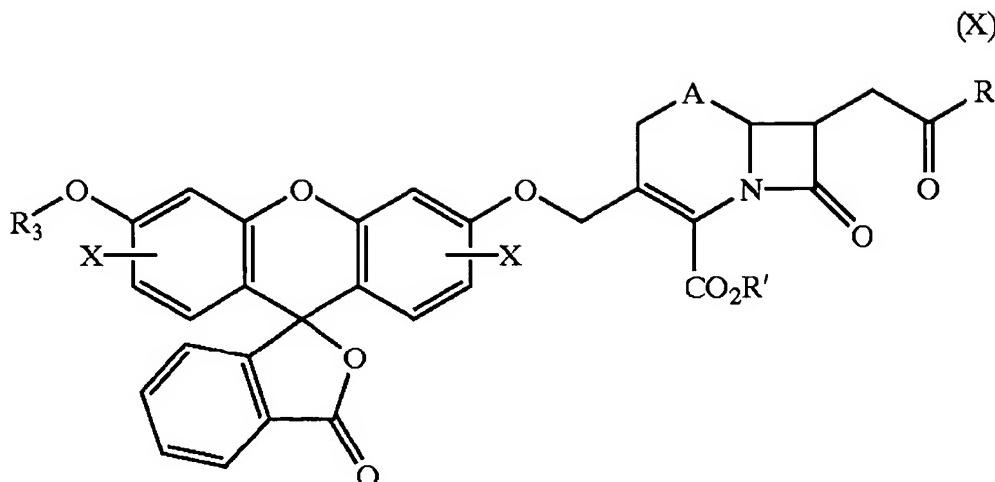


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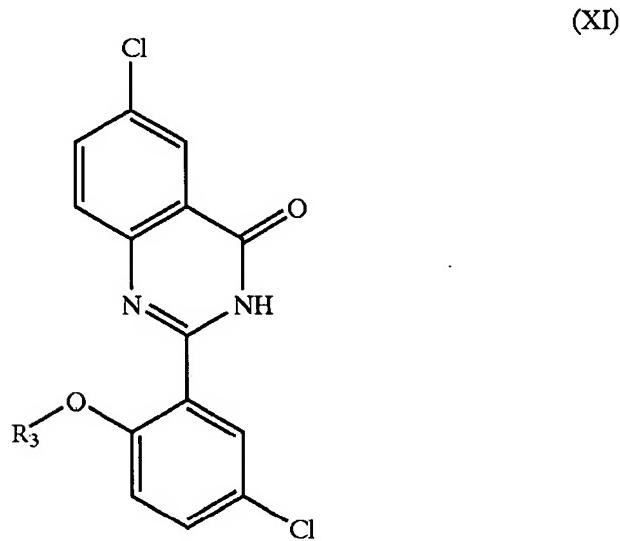


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; and



wherein

R_3 is a linker;

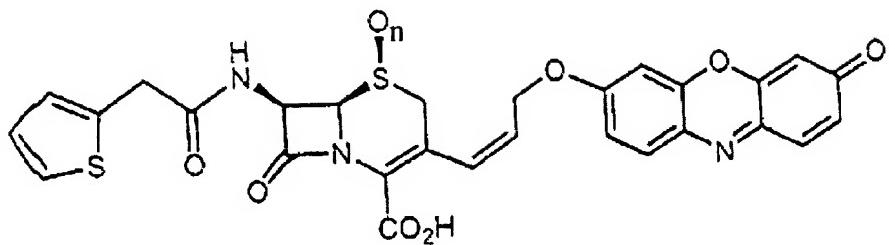
X is H , F , Cl , Br , or $\text{CO}_2\text{R}'$; and

Y is N , CH , C-CN , or C-CF_3 .

Claim 18. (Cancelled)

Claim 19. (Previously presented) A compound comprising the structure:

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wherein n is 0, 1, or 2.

Claims 20 - 26. (Cancelled)